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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2767

INFO DEPT OF ARMY

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GERMANY

C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 0700

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, US, TC

SUBJ: TRAINING FOR SHAIKH SULTAN

1. I CALLED ON SHAIKH SULTAN APRIL 2 AND REMINDED HIM OF OUR OFFER TO
MAKE AVAILABLE POSITION FOR HIM AT COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE
BEGINNING THIS SUMMER. I SAID WE HOPED HE COULD ACCEPT OUR OFFER,
BUT IF HE COULD NOT GO WE WOULD WISH TO MAKE THE PLACE AVAILABLE FOR

SOMEONE ELSE. I SAID WE NEEDED DECISION AT THIS POINT.

2. SHAIKH SULTAN SAID HE WANTED VERY MUCH TO GO, BUT DID NOT THINK
HIS FATHER WOULD AGREE FOR HIM TO BE AWAY FOR SUCH A LONG PERIOD OF
TIME. HE SAID HE WAS SORRY NOT HAVE COME TO A DECISION ABOUT THIS
BEFORE, "BUT YOU KNOW HOW THINGS WORK IN ABU DHABI" (UNFORTUNATELY
I DO). HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO KEEP OPTION OPEN AS LONG
AS POSSIBLE ON CHANCE HIS FATHER WOULD AGREE, BUT HE UNDERSTOOD OUR
NEED FOR A DECISION AND WOULD THEREFORE REGRETFULLY HAVE TO DECLINE.
HE SAID HE WAS STILL INTERESTED IN TRAINING, AND HOPED SOMETHING
MIGHT BE POSSIBLE NEXT YEAR.

3. SHAIKH SULTAN ASKED ME ABOUT STATUS OF FMS AGREEMENT. I SAID
THAT EMBASSY HAD SEVERAL MONTHS BACK SUBMITTED FEW MINOR CHANGES TO
FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PROPOSED TEXT AND DID NOT BELIEVE THAT
THESE WOULD HAVE CAUSED ANY DIFFICULTIES, BUT WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING
FURTHER FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY. SULTAN SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITIES FOR TRAINING IN US FOR ADDF OFFICERS
WHICH FMS AGREEMENT WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE, AND HE WOULD LOOK INTO
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MATTER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SPACE IN THIS YEAR'S COMMAND AND GENERAL
STAFF COURSE BEING HELD FOR SHAIKH SULTAN MAY NOW BE OFFERED TO SOME-
ONE ELSE. WE REGRET THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO HAVE SULTAN
ACCEPT THIS OFFER, AND WE APPRECIATE DOD'S AND DOA'S KEEPING SPACE
OPEN FOR HIM FOR SUCH A LONG PERIOD.
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